

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4182  
AMEMBASSY BRASILIA  
AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN  
AMEMBASSY KINGSTON  
AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN  
AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, BR, GY, VE

SUBJECT: ALLEGED BRAZILIAN-GUYANESE TROOP CLASH

REF: (A) CARACAS 1329 (NOTAL), (B) BRASILIA 1123 (NOTAL)

1. BRAZILIAN EMBASSY HERE TOLD US THERE IS NO SUBSTANCE TO  
REPORTS OF BORDER CLASH BETWEEN GUYANA AND BRAZIL AND GOG  
HAS ISSUED A PRESS COMMUNIQUE LABELING THE REPORT AS FALSE.

2. CHRONICLE OF FEBRUARY 9 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STATEMENT  
FROM INFORMATION MINISTRY LABELING AS COMPLETELY FALSE  
REPORT OF CLASH WHICH APPEARED IN EL NACIONAL. CHRONICLE  
ARTICLE INDICATED THAT BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ALSO  
DENIED THE VENEZUELAN NEWSPAPER REPORT. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE,  
REUTER NOTED THAT REPORT IN EL NACIONAL WAS LATEST IN SERIES  
THAT HAS APPEARED OVER PAST YEAR CONCERNING SUPPOSED TENSION  
EXISTING ALONG BRAZIL-GUYANA BORDER AND STATED THAT VISITORS  
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TO RORAIMA DISTRICT OF BRAZIL AND TOURISTS CROSSING  
INTO BRAZIL FROM LETHEM HAVE NOTED NOTHING UNTOWARD  
ALONG FRONTIER.

3. CHRONICLE REPORTED THAT POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN  
GEORGETOWN HAVE RECALLED THAT SIMILAR RUMORS WERE SPREAD  
IN 1975 AND 1976 AS PART OF CAMPAIGN TO DESTABILIZE

GUYANA.

4. COMMENT: THE GUYANESE WILL INTERPRET THE  
VENEZUELAN NEWSPAPER STORY AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT  
TO DESTABILIZE GUYANA.  
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